

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
 GRUTKE et al.) BOX PCT
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 International Application)
 PCT/EP 00/08913)
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 Filed: September 13, 2000)
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For: BIODEGRADABLE, THERMOPLASTIC MOLDING MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
 Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

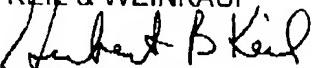
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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